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| J. Hawkes, et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1792 |
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| For: APPARATUS FOR MOVING |) | |
| PARTICLES FROM A FIRST |) | |
| FLUID TO A SECOND FLUID |) | |

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Attorney Docket No. 41577/314660

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2009 in connection with, and together with a request for continued examination (RCE) of, the above-identified application.